

administrator's position; Congressman Terry Everett votes for passage of agriculture disaster assistance.

JUNE 2007

June 7 - Cities of Elba and Geneva officially dedicate completed levee rehabilitation projects during ceremony in Elba; Walking trail atop Elba levee officially named the James E. Grimes Riverwalk Trail; Pitts Enterprises given court approval to buy Dorsey Trailers; Three Enterprise men (Douglas Mitchell Gatlin, Joe Ben Thomas and Stephen Daniel Ramsey) arrested by county officials following a burglary in the Damascus community south of Elba; Alabama Attorney General announces plans to appeal court ruling of U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson regarding Billy Joe Magwood case; Elba City Council votes no to a proposed \$1.50 per hour pay raise for police officers; County officials arrest Kelli Nicole Champion Huxey on one count of rape first degree, one count of sodomy first degree and one count of rape second degree.

June 14 - Coffee County Commission votes to hire Kathy Lolley as new county administrator; Elba Rotary Club plans auction fund raising event to benefit community service project to build a new Habitat for Humanity home in Elba; Coffee County Board of Education tables discussion regarding increase in salary for Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram; Ribbon cutting ceremony held for Felicity's Christian Book and Gift in Elba; Elba City Council members hear complaints regarding loud music.

June 21 - Federal grant of \$1,597,500 allocated for Elba airport project that will include reconstruction of the runway; David Dorsey hired by Pitts Enterprises to serve as general manager for "new" Dorsey Trailers; Coffee County Jail inmates yield garden filled with fruits and vegetables; Elba Police make several arrests on various charges; Tyler Street project in New Brockton nears completion according to town officials.

June 28 - Jeff Pitts, president of Pitts Enterprises, officially announces the purchase of Dorsey Trailers in Elba; Jeff Pitts, president and owner of Pitts Enterprises, and David Dorsey, general manager of Dorsey Trailers (purchased by Pitts Enterprises), serve as the guest speakers at the Elba Rotary Club meeting; Elba officials receive report from ISO inspection that results in no change for city's rating; Elba officials say water supply remains good despite drought conditions; Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton reports recent shakedown of county jail reveals very little contraband found in the facility.

JULY 2007

July 5 - Coffee County Board of Education awards pay raise to Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram; Members of the Elba

Volunteer Fire Department

conduct "fill the boot" drive to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA); Coffee County resident Jason Senn pleads guilty to two counts of manslaughter for the 2006 deaths of Jeremy Paul Jackson and Amber Lee Anna Ogburn following a vehicle accident that occurred on County Road 215; Coffee

County finally receives some rain only days after Alabama Governor Bob Riley encourages citizens to pray for rain; Shane Casey named new principal of Elba High School.

July 12 - Town of New Brockton officials vote to give employees a cost-of-living pay raise; New Brockton officials recognize the recreation department's Dixie Belles softball



Elba City Clerk Wayne Grantham explains the operation of flood gates for bridges during the dedication ceremony of the completed levee rehabilitation project held June 1st in Elba.

team on the completion of a successful season which included an overall record of 30-4 and winning the Area 3 Sub-District Championship; County engineer Randy Tindell announces brief closure of County Rd. 239 to allow for the replacement of a cross-drain pipe; Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton and Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth serve as guest speakers at Elba Lions Club meeting; Officials arrest Ken Allen Cochran on multiple charges including two counts of kidnapping first degree, burglary first degree and attempted murder.

July 19 - 2007 ISO rating inspection report for City of Elba draws difference of opinion among city officials; Alabama Attorney General visits Elba to film a news report regarding the continuing court hearings and other delays in the scheduled execution of Billy Joe Magwood for the capital murder March 1, 1979 of Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham; New Elba High School principal Shane Casey speaks to Elba Kiwanis Club members; County Board of Education completes personnel hires including Thomas Boswell as new head football coach at Zion Chapel; A two-vehicle wreck Monday, July 16, on Hwy. 134 near Coffee County Road 617 claims the life of a Covington County couple - Ralph Weeks and Amy Strickland Weeks; Governor Bob Riley announces \$26,040 grant to be used for a rehabilitation project at the Heflin Smith Sports Complex in Kinston.

July 26 - Elba City Council plans workshop to discuss need for additional police officers; Coffee County volunteer fire departments receive grant checks from the state's forestry commission; Red Cross conducts very successful community blood drive in Elba.

AUGUST 2007

Aug. 2 - Elba City Council finds no immediate solution to police officers shortage during scheduled work session; Annual band camp held for Elba Marching Tiger Band as program welcomes new band director Shaun Hammonds; Alabama Department of Public Health encourages frequent handwashing with Shigella cases on the rise; Bicyclist and Oregon resident Tim Janko pedals through Elba during a cross-country biking trip that began in Miami, Fla. and will end in Canyon Villes, Oregon.

Aug. 9 - As start of production draws closer, an official ribbon cutting ceremony held

Friday, Aug. 3, for Dorsey Trailers; Zion Chapel celebrates continued growth of schools with a ribbon cutting ceremony held for the completion of building renovations and construction projects; Dr. Lance K. Dyess and his family donate 30 acres of land to Zion Chapel Schools; New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole says Tyler Street is open to traffic.

Aug. 16 - ABC agents raid open house party at residence Hickman Avenue in Elba; Vandals leave their mark on the Old Town and Teel cemeteries in rural Coffee County; Elba City School achieve 100 percent on AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) goals for second consecutive year; Elba resident Randy Kevin Hobbs arrested in Covington County on drug-related charges.

Aug. 23 - Motorists urged to put safety first around school buses; Coffee County Commission votes no to request from request from Coffee County Firefighters Association to show support for sending a proposed Emergency Services Act to county voters for their approval or disapproval; Officials arrest Melinda Rodriguez and Sherry Kilcrease Moseley after a methamphetamine lab is located on County Rd. 355; Alabama Department of Public Health officials recommend preventative measures to avoid heat illnesses; Staff Sgt. David Rowe of Elba, a member of 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team's cooking team, prepares pretzel delight during the Iron Chef Competition held at Forward Operating Base Hammer, Iraq.

Aug. 30 - Coffee County Commission revisits discussion on proposed Emergency Services Act; Pam Bedsole, Elba named Executive Director of the Year by the Alabama Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities; Elba City Council awards bids for work at airport; Linda Ingram reports good start to 2007-08 school year for Coffee County Schools; Cecilio Caballero scores four goals for

his team "Real Espana" against team "America" during the weekly soccer games played at Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba each Sunday afternoon.

SEPTEMBER 2007

Sept. 6 - Geneva County resident Martin Wade Pendavis arrested by Coffee County officials in connection with several burglaries in Coffee County; Elba Chamber of Commerce officials announce change of date for Christmas Festival as busy season arrives; Coffee County Storytellers Club meets and urges attendees to share passion of telling stories with youth.

Sept. 13 - During very lengthy meeting, the Coffee County Commission discusses the Fiscal Year 2008 budget; Americans remember the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the day now known as Patriot Day; Sgt. Eric Jordan awarded Army Chief of Staff coin; New Brockton resident Ricky Strickland addresses county emergency managers from Alabama recognize new tanker/pumper acquired through a FEMA grant.

Sept. 20 - Fire destroys a mobile home located on Coffee County Road 355; Elba Board of Education adopts the Fiscal Year 2008 budget; New Brockton Elementary student Courtney Sconyers receives a new wheelchair from the Wal-Mart Heart Drivers; Coffee County Board of Education adopts Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

Sept. 27 - Elba Chamber of Commerce holds annual membership banquet; Elba airport temporarily closed to allow for runway resurfacing project; Elba City Council approves "bare bones" budget for Fiscal Year 2008; Elba High School Ambassadors place wreath at the foot of the Ben Ringsdorf monument in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day; Coffee County Commission approves Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

OCTOBER 2007

Oct. 4 - The first drop deck trailer to come off the production line at the "new" Dorsey Trailers makes an appearance in the Elba High School Homecoming Parade 2007 carrying the 30-year honored class - Class of 1977; Prior to the start of the Homecoming football game Friday, Sept. 28, the Class of 1997 presents a plaque to the parents of Jason Jordan in memory of their fallen classmate killed in Iraq while serving his country; Representative Terry Spicer announces he has formed a committee to explore

the possibility of him making a bid for the U.S. House of Representatives seat; Elba City Schools receive education award from local DAR organization.

Oct. 11 - Coffee County resident Sonya Barnes arrested for promoting terroristic acts; Several residents of the Elba Nursing Home enjoy a day of fishing at the Coffee County Lake; Lamar Kelley recognized prior to the start of the Elba vs. Pike County football game as Mayor James Grimes presents Ben Busbee during Veterans Day program.

Nov. 15 - Coffee County resident James King asks for county commission's help with County Rd. 422; Local governmental officials sign joint proclamation recognizing Farm-City Week in Coffee County; Coffee County District Attorney's office and Department of Human Resources join forces to conduct child support roundup in November and December; County Commission presents proclamation to Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church recognizing church's 100 years of service to the Lord.

Nov. 22 - Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer present \$40,000 acquired through community pledge grants to help with Elba Playground project; Elba Lion's Club presents \$700 check to help Elba Rotary Club with Habitat for Humanity project in Elba; Bullock Volunteer Fire Department receives new tanker/pumper acquired through a FEMA grant.

Nov. 29 - Local hunters seek laws regarding coyotes; During Farm-City Banquet, the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise Chamber of Commerce jointly receive Spirit of Coffee County Holiday House, sponsored by Coffee County Commission appoints Tom Grimley as chairman; Elba City Council hears the local National Guard Armory will not close as had been rumored; Remains of Terry DeWayne Allums of New Brockton (missing since July 25, 1998) found and identified; Zion Chapel queens Little Miss Zion Chapel Lexi Sanders and Miss Zion Chapel Brooke Sinton perform well at National Peanut Festival pageants.

Nov. 1 - Members of the 1-117th Field Artillery unit of the National Guard welcomed home after an 18-month deployment; Elba educator Leroy Camley inducted into LaGrange College Athletic Hall of Fame; Alabama Department of Public Health addresses MRSA concerns; Work begins to remodel old Hardee's building in Elba for new restaurant but unexpected excitement occurs when small grease fire ignites.

Dec. 3 - Jack E. Brunson presented with a wreath to the city during 20th Annual Elba Christmas Festival; Habitat for Humanity house built in memory of Katie Strunk in Enterprise dedicated Sunday, Dec. 9; Local hunter Vic Davis worries his seat belt at the time of the fatal accident.

Dec. 9 - The crash remains under investigation by the Alabama State Troopers office.

Dec. 13 - The Mike and Starla Amison family is featured as Elba's Christmas Family for 2007.

Dec. 27 - Sodomy suspect Danny Thomas Johnson returns to Coffee County to face 1997 grand jury charges after being arrested by Georgia officials; Dorsey Trailers continues to make progress since reopening earlier this year; Coffee County Commissioners approve rental guidelines and regulations for use of senior citizen centers; Recipient family chosen for Habitat for Humanity house to be built in Elba thanks to community service project of Elba Rotary Club.

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During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama requests office space inside town hall building

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the first council meeting of 2008, the New Brockton Town Council voted Monday evening, Jan. 7, to support the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama in efforts to improve government-to-government relationships.

James Wright, tribal chief of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama, addressed council members during Monday evening's meeting to make a request for office space in the new town hall facility (old Armory). He said the tribe has a tribal office located in New Brockton and is proud to be a part of the community.

"We have had the pleasure of being involved with a number of programs here in the area and would like to be able to establish a stronger presence here by locating one of our government offices here in New Brockton jointly in the city government owned property," Wright said as he read a prepared letter to those attending the meeting.

"The Ma-Chis Tribal government requests office space to be used for our local contact for the tribe and to establish a full-time office that will allow us to work closer with the local community for the greater betterment of all people, and allow us to better serve this community with such things as grants and funding of different projects here in New Brockton."

If the request is granted, Wright said the tribal government will be used by the office space and will be furnished with office equipment at the expense of the Ma-Chis Tribe. He said the tribe is trying to expand the government-to-government relationship with New Brockton as it has with other cities in the past.

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Council member Jeff White made the motion with a second from council member Vicky Harrison to support the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama and to place Chief Wright on the agenda for the working group meeting set for Monday, Jan. 28, to further discuss the request. All council members in attendance (council member Richard Driskell was unable to attend Monday's meeting) voted in favor of the motion.

In his report to council members during Monday evening's meeting, Police Chief Dale Grimes said the two officers currently attending the police academy should graduate Thursday, Jan. 10, and they will begin working Friday, Jan. 11. He said this gives the police

Department a full staff for the first time in a very long time. Council members voted to not make a change to the town's burn ordinance. Mayor Cole said a citizen had requested at the December council meeting that the council consider waiving the \$5 fee for a burn permit.

Cole said the council had discussed this request at the working group meeting, and he asked for the desire of the council.

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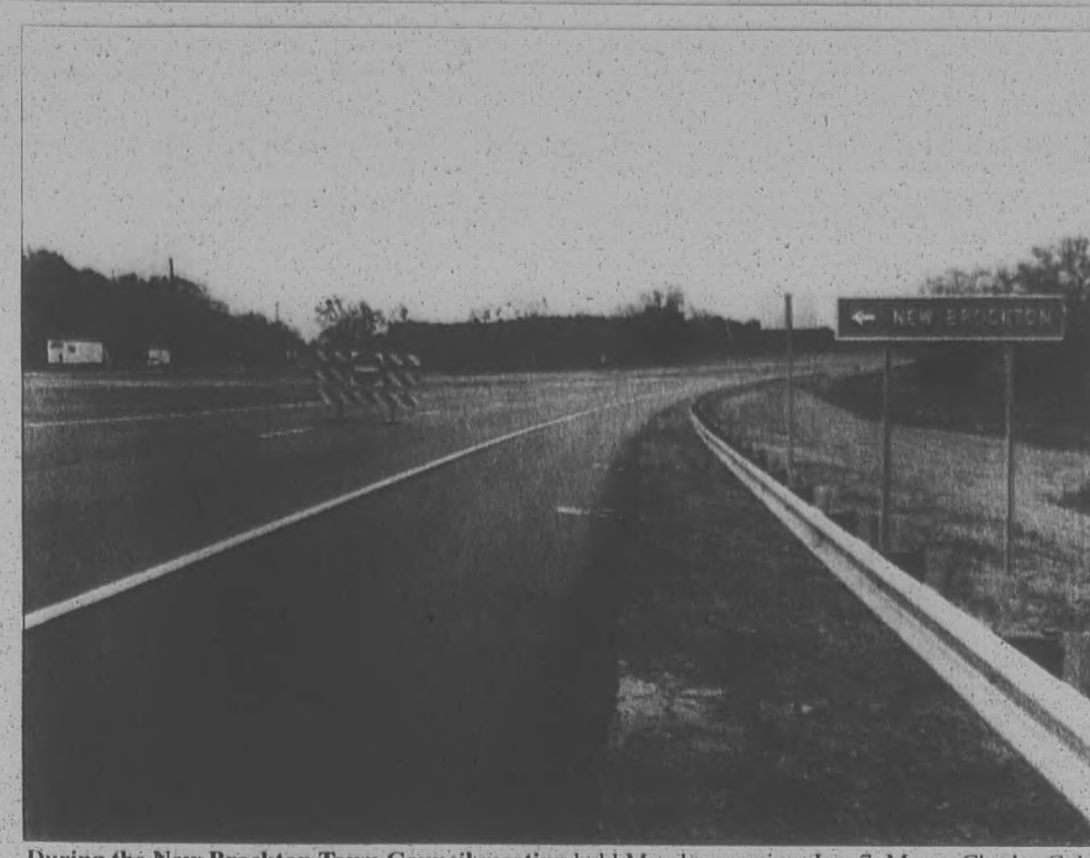
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According to information released by Coffee County Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth, at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27, jail officials authorized a contact visit between David Lee Kilpatrick, age 38, an inmate at the Coffee County Jail, with his wife, Kimberly Ivett Roberts Kilpatrick, age 40, a resident of County Rd. 637, Mr. Kilpatrick was an inmate of the Coffee County Jail on charges of probation violation (two counts - Coffee and Houston counties) and possession of a controlled substance. Whitworth said Mrs. Kilpatrick was searched before being allowed to see her spouse. During the search, he said officials allegedly discovered inside her panty hose one white tube sock containing contraband. Officials reportedly allowed Mrs. Kilpatrick to proceed with the visit following the search.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

England's Scotland Yard has joined Pakistan officials in probing the assassination of political candidate Bhutto. President Pervez Musharraf came in for a lot of criticism at her death and probably needed the technical help of the British. It is our opinion that American journalists (and others) jumping up and down "wanting immediate answers" were out of line. They should look back and think what their reaction would have been if Pakistan was wanting to run over her and investigate something which happened in America. We probably know the answer, the whole country would be in an uproar about the world "meddling" in our business, one world government at work, solve your own problems first, etc.

"Which of the presidential candidates would you feel most comfortable going into business with? That is, who would you most likely pick as a business partner?" Those were the questions on an e-mail poll received this week from something called the *Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council*. We didn't respond but the questions got our brain working... but there is still no clear answer. Actually the one who would make the best business partner might not work out real well if he or she had to first play kissie-kissie with other elected officials to get anything done in government.

By the time readers get this week's edition of The Elba Clipper, the world will know the outcome of the New Hampshire presidential primary. Early predictions were that John McCain would take the Republican majority and Barack Obama would repeat his Ohio win. How will Alabama voters respond next month? While drinking coffee with a group of Elba men one day recently it was an item of intense discussion. When the discussion finally changed back to the real important stuff (football, etc.) there was nothing resolved except each person had heard numerous reasons NOT to vote for virtually every candidate in the race... especially the half dozen or so front runners. That confusion can apparently be found all across the nation, thus regardless of what polls are showing, how particular vote counts tally up, etc., the race to be the next resident of the White House is still a mad dash with several hills to climb and numerous rivers to swim.

We can't leave this subject without comments about Hillary Clinton's "teary eyed" performance this week. Most news reporters are talking about that being a negative for her. etc. However we are not so sure. Never sell that woman short... she is in perfect control of herself. It is our opinion that it was a planned thing, a cunning effort to "humanize" her after her experts decided she was coming across as too cold, harsh... (or pardon our French) bitchy. Business advisors as well as political advisors note that a woman can seem all of the above while doing exactly what would be described as a "good leader" were it a man's actions.

Sample ballots are now available for the February 5th political party voting. Interested persons may pick up a copy for either (or both) party's ballot at the Probate office or at The Elba Clipper office. Presidential politics are the only thing on either ballot and to remain politically correct Alabama is again electing an equal number of male and female delegates in each political party.

Elba Police Report

SUNDAY, DEC. 30 — Domestic disturbance reported in the area of Jackson and Gray streets (4:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 344 Old Samson Rd. (8:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1245 County Rd. 201 (8:03 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported across from 1504 Juana, two for public intoxication, one for harassing communications, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for minor in possession of alcohol, one for tampering with physical evidence, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for damage to a vehicle, one for disorderly conduct, one for assault, one for resisting arrest and one for breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property, two for domestic violence, five for failure to appear, four for possession of marijuana, two for public intoxication, one for possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for minor in possession of alcohol, one for tampering with physical evidence, one for disorderly conduct, one for resisting arrest, one for forgery, one for giving a false name, twenty-three for negotiating a worthless non-negotiable instrument and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: two for violation of the seat belt law, two for no proof of insurance, two for no insurance, one for a revoked driver's license, four for a suspended driver's license, four for improper lane change, one for violation of the child restraint law, one for headlight out and one for stopped/parked in the road.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

FRIDAY, DEC. 28 — Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (9:17 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1584 Caroline St. (8:00 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DEC. 29 — Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1391 County Rd. 409 (9:47 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 6787 Hickory Rd. 410 (11:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 413 Addison Ave. (7:14 p.m.).

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Mrs. Hooks has a quiet, cheerful spirit and says, "volunteering makes me feel good. I've helped and done something for someone who needed it and could not help themselves... I help the children with spelling, writing and reading... I've learned along with them."

She has been assigned with Ms. Farmer at the Elba Elementary School for several years and when asked about Mrs. Hook's contribution in the classroom Farmer said, "Mrs. Hooks helps the children develop self-worth and aids them in accomplishing goals that have been set forth. She always reacts in a positive manner which tends to carry over with

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For more information about becoming a foster grandparent, call Maria Nelson, FGP manager, at 794-8754 or 793-9044 or contact the local Human Resource Development Corporation office.

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(7:26 p.m.); Disturbance (noise)
reported at 895 Old Samson Rd.
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TUESDAY, JAN. 1 — Domestic
disturbance reported at
1611 Parker St. (12:09 a.m.);
Prowler reported at 1107 Payne
St. (3:10 a.m.); Domestic
disturbance reported at 737 Williams
Ave. (3:12 a.m.); Fight in
progress reported at 716 Putnam
St. (11:13 a.m.); Elba Fire
Department dispatched to the
Taylor Mill Rd. dirt road (5:15
p.m.); Domestic disturbance
reported at Beaver Dam Apts.
(5:33 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2 —
Coffee County EMS dispatched to
565 County Rd. 200 (9:30
a.m.); Coffee County EMS dis-
patched to 2805 Taylor Mill Rd.
(7:05 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JAN. 3 —
Routine activity.

FRIDAY, JAN. 4 — Coffee
County EMS dispatched to
1794 Highland Dr. (4:30 p.m.);
Possible domestic disturbance
reported at 1516 Jackson St.
(9:06 p.m.); One-vehicle wreck
reported on Taylor Mill Rd.
(11:06 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JAN. 5 —
Possible wreck reported at the
intersection of Highland Dr. and
Taylor Mill Rd. (9:06 a.m.).

SUNDAY, JAN. 6 — Fight in
progress reported at 1237
Morrow Village (12:51 a.m.);
Coffee County EMS dispatched to
71 County Rd. 422 (10:04
a.m.); Coffee County EMS dis-
patched to 1317 Highland Dr.
(2:41 p.m.); Coffee County
EMS dispatched to 853 County
Rd. 427 (6:51 p.m.).

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Obituaries

BOB CROWELL

Mr. Bob Crowell, age 67, of New Brockton, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, at his home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4, 2008 at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Kerry Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Providence Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Mr. Crowell was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Joe Crowell; his father, Joe Crowell; and two brothers, Bill and Brandon Crowell.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Crowell, New Brockton; two daughters: Sheila Webb (husband David) Cleveland, Tenn.; Lynn Resser (husband Chris) Ozark, Ala.; three sons: Lynn Crowell (wife Kristie), Elba, Ala.; David Roberts (wife Melanie), New Brockton, Ala.; and two brothers, Tony Crowell, Atlanta, Ga.; his mother, Lennie Crowell, Andalusia, Ala.; one sister, Benita Head, Crestview, Fla.; two brothers, Bryant Crowell (wife Rochelle), Dixonville, Fla.; Ben Crowell (wife Joyce), Andalusia, Ala.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family asks that contributions be made to Brantley Baptist Church's capital improvement fund, P.O. Box 61, Brantley, Ala. 36009.

Mrs. Legg was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Legg, and a great-grandson, Jeremy Jackson.

Survivors include seven children: Joe (Eunestine) Legg, Andalusia, Ala.; Janet (Austin) Prescott, Troy, Ala.; Betty Coon, Elba, Ala.; Bill (Catherine) Legg, Montevallo, Ala.; Joyce (Wes) Aman, Blaisville, Ga.; Jacky (Voni) Legg, Brantley; and Carolyn (Johnny) Kilecase, Harvest, Ala.; 20 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

RONALD EDWARD BOUTWELL

Mr. Ronald Edward Boutwell, age 57, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at his home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8, 2008 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Randall Pearson officiating. Burial followed in the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Boutwell was preceded in death by his father, James Colie Boutwell.

Survivors include his wife: Lisa Jean Boutwell, Elba; daughter: Wendy Renee Boutwell, Birmingham, Ala.; son: Ronald Lee Boutwell, Elba; mother: Gwendolyn Boutwell, Elba; three sisters: Katherine (husband Walter) Nelson and Charlotte White.

Funeral services were held Jan. 6, 2008 at Brantley Baptist Church with Pastor Jim Abbott officiating. Burial followed in the Brantley City Cemetery with Turner Funeral Home of Luverne, Ala. directing.

both of Elba, Margie Kelley, Abbeville, Ala.; one brother: Hayward (wife Janice) Boutwell, Elba; and a host of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

JACK JOHNSON

Mr. Jack Johnson, age 70, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5, 2008 at Coleman Funeral Home Chapel, Enterprise, Ala., with Rev. Kummel Fleming officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his parents, Macon Johnson and Lucille Johnson; two daughters, Mary Jane Johnson and Susan Johnson Gray; one sister, Lillian Johnson Evans; and two brothers, Tony Johnson and Hayward Johnson.

Survivors include three daughters: Mary Johnson and Dale Johnson, both of Daleville, Ala.; Melissa (Tiller)

Johnson, Dothan, Ala.; two sons: Jack Jr. (Carolyn) Johnson and Henry Lee Johnson, Quincy, Fla.; three brothers: Eugene (Verdell) Johnson, Vance (Geraldine) Johnson, both of Enterprise, and Bill Johnson, Tampa, Fla.; and 19 grandchildren.

JENNIFER D. BRUNDIDGE

Mrs. Jennifer D. Brundidge, age 49, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007 at the Enterprise Medical Center in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5, 2008 at Adams Street Church of Christ, Enterprise, with Minister Edwin Roberts officiating. Burial followed at Bethlehem Church Cemetery, Elba, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Ms. Brundidge was preceded in death by her mother, Mildred Brown.

Survivors include her daughter: Jasmin McKinnon, Enterprise; father: Buddy Brown, Enterprise; one

brother: Rodriguez (Tonya) Brown, Hartford, Ala.; one niece, C. Brown, Enterprise; and several aunts and uncles.

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LOIS HUDSON FAMILY

We want to thank all our friends, family, neighbors and churches for your prayers, food, flowers, visits and calls, during the death of our Mother & Grandmother.

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Editor,

If I held a position in government, power, I wonder if I could dream of a way to convince disadvantaged students, who have shown nothing but failure when they reach the eighth grade, that there is a better life for them in the military.

The effects of legal drugs that some of these students have had to swallow reluctantly to keep them calm and almost asleep during time of learning, should not be overlooked when military recruiters make their calls. These drugs are being questioned today.

When these students receive the devastating news that they have failed in school and have reached the point of no return, can they truthfully be told that good days are ahead and they won't be "left behind"? Is there no failure in war? Actually, they have become a perfect fit for this designed purpose of Washington's dream, "No Child Left Behind."

Vera Maddox-Crozier
Hoopston, Illinois

Note of Thanks
The family of **Edlow Marler** wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to all our friends for their prayers, cards, food, flowers, visits and love shown to us during his illness and death.

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The Twelve Million

Annie Moore turned fifteen on January 1, 1892. On her birthday, she received a ten dollar gold coin from John Webber, but it wasn't just a birthday present. He was the superintendent of the new Ellis Island immigration center, located in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty. He gave her the coin because she was the first immigrant to enter America through its new gateway.

Over the next thirty years, more than twelve million new Americans passed through its doors. Most then traveled on to somewhere else such as New York City, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Mobile or Pensacola. Some came because they were fleeing pogroms in Russia; others came looking for a better life than the hills of southern Italy provided. Still others came because there were few jobs in Ireland, or Poland or Munich. All told, they constituted the greatest human migration in history. Most arrived with nothing except a suitcase. Emma Lazarus refers to these people in her poem, *The New Colossus*:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me:
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

Wave after wave of immigrants combined to build a diverse nation unlike any the world had ever seen. As each new wave of people washed ashore it took its place at the bottom of America's economic ladder. Whether they were Irish, German, Italian, or Russian, they took the jobs Americans didn't want. They swept the streets, gathered garbage, built subways and railroads, and slowly lifted themselves higher in the economic pyramid, only to be replaced at the bottom by the next wave of immigrants.

Their children went to American schools, and many parents showed a fierce determination that their children receive treasures of the mind previously forbidden to them. These children, the progeny of parents considered disposable in their native lands, became America's intellectual and economic engines of the twentieth century. Today, we number three hundred million, and more than forty per cent of us can trace our families to Ellis Island.

Millions of children also passed through Ellis Island. Later in life, some would make unique and lasting contributions to their new homeland. They included twelve year old Felix Frankfurter, an Austrian immigrant who became

Supreme Court Justice; eighteen year old Edward Flanagan, an Irish immigrant who became a Catholic priest and founded Boys Town; five year old Bob Hope, an English immigrant who became one of the twentieth century's best known entertainers; six year old Hyman Rickover, a Romanian immigrant who became an Admiral in the U.S. Navy and the father of the nuclear submarine; and three year old Isaac Asimov and five year old Irving Berlin, both Russian immigrants. Asimov became an internationally acclaimed science fiction author. Berlin was one of the best known American songwriters of the twentieth century and penned the classic *White Christmas*.

Are you a descendant of one of the twelve million who passed through Ellis Island? Find out more about who we are, and where we came from. Take The Web Journey.

NEXT WEEK:
Read and Roses in Lawrence, Massachusetts

THE WEB JOURNEY

Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation
This foundation, founded in 1982 at the request of President Ronald Reagan, worked in partnership with the National Park Service to restore Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. This resource includes a history of the island, photo albums, a timeline, and a section that recreates the experience faced by new immigrants. It also includes a searchable database of arrivals, allowing users to search for their ancestors.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/8lx6e>

Immigration: The Changing Face of America
This resource, from the Library of Congress, includes sections that discuss the immigration patterns of different nationalities. Among those explored are Africans, Irish, Polish, German, and Italian immigrants. How immigration and expansion affected Native Americans is explored in detail.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/8n9dc>

Selected images of Ellis Island and Immigration, ca. 1880-1920

This small collection of photographs from the Library of Congress gives a visual record of people coming to America and their first experiences in their new homeland.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz family went to Atlanta for the Chick Fil-A Bowl last week and after the game joined almost 250,000 people in Underground Atlanta to watch the peach drop to ring in the New Year. While I'll admit I enjoyed the game and was pulling for Auburn to win, the walk to watch the peach drop was a little long and being crammed in with almost a quarter of a million people on a downtown street wasn't all that much fun. The family was there; however, and one day we'll all look back and say "remember when."

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers saw their six-game winning streak snapped and fell to 0-1 in area play last week with a home loss to Straughn. The Tigers closed the holidays with a six-game winning streak and had won seven of its last eight games to push its record to 9-5, but had a few off-the-court problems during the tournament in Opp and perhaps those problems carried over onto the court last week in the loss. Elba has a young team that lacks experience and size, and until the Tigers figure out they have to play as a team and play their best every minute of every game more losses will pop up to keep them from being big winners. Now that the area schedule is here, the time is now for this team to come together and take that next step to becoming a winning team both on and off the court.

*** The Elba Tigers also dropped their opening area game to Straughn and saw their record slip to 5-7. The Lady Tigers have a better team than even they realize, but in their losses have played in spurts and are nowhere near good enough to win with lapses in scoring. These girls and their fans had their goals set way too low before the season began, and now is the time to adjust those goals and reach for the top. I am convinced if the Lady Tigers play their best for all thirty-two minutes they can beat just about any team on their schedule. C'mon girls, prove me right!

*** A quick look around the area found not much action as most of the schools remained on Christmas break. Brantley's girl's suffered their first loss on the road at J.F. Shields, while Zion Chapel's girls claimed a one-point win over county rival New Brockton. Over on the boys' side, New Brockton shut out Zion Chapel for two quarters in rolling to a sixty-point win and Brantley battle hard before falling at Shields. The area schedule will get back to full speed this week, and with area play now here, look for the intensity to also pick up for all the teams. Now is the time to head out to a nearby gym and watch some good high school basketball action.

*** Alabama and Auburn both won their bowl games, but both have lost coaches since returning to campus and have big shoes to fill. Alabama's Ron Middleton was a key member of the staff and will be missed both on the field and on the recruiting front, while the departure of Will Muschamp at Auburn left a huge void in one of the nation's best defenses. If Coach Muschamp did leave Auburn for less money at Texas, it may be time to once again question the relationship its head coach had with his assistants. Back to the bowl games.... Alabama was just typical Alabama in almost blowing a big lead due to the lack of a quality quarterback and experienced offensive coordinator, while Auburn found a way to win and gave its fans a preview of things to come under its new offensive boss.

*** The Dothan Eagle announced its annual "Super 12" high school volleyball team last week and Coffee County was well represented with four players on the squad, as well as the coach of the year. Kinston's Coach Janie Wiggins was named the top coach after leading the Lady Bulldogs to an incredible 41-3 record and was joined by Kinston seniors Heather Marlowe and Caitlin Tindell, while Enterprise's Neysa Hernandez was named the player of the year and was joined by Lady Wildcat senior Kaitlyn Stephenson. With four team members and the coach, I guess you could say Coffee County is the hub of high school volleyball in the Wiregrass.

*** In closing.... The youth basketball season tips off this week in Elba at the Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue, and I hope all the parents and fans will come out and watch the young boys and girls in action. The games are filled with action, and although the scoreboard is used, all the youngsters are winners and deserve to hear cheers and encouragement. Come on out and let the players hear you cheer them on, and remember, the final score means nothing as far as the players are concerned. It's for fun!

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Loss snaps 6-game winning streak

Tigers lose area opener to Straughn 61-42

The Elba Tigers hosted Straughn Friday night in a key area match-up and saw their five-game winning streak come to an abrupt end in a 61-42 setback.

Elba pulled even at 2-2 early in the opening stanza on an inside basket by Richard Cooks, but Straughn went on a 6-0 run and opened up an 8-2 lead with 5:23 left in the stanza. The Tigers closed to within 8-7 with 4:03 on the clock on a lay-up by Kareem Silar, only to watch Straughn close the stanza with a 6-1 spurt as the Tigers headed into the second quarter trailing 14-3.

Straughn scored the first five points of the second quarter to grab a 19-8 advantage. However, Elba again staged a mild rally and led by the play of Channing Morris and Gavin Respress chopped the Straughn lead to 23-15 midway through the stanza. The Tigers had a chance to cut even more into the deficit late in the half, but missed 5 of 6 free throws over a span of 32-seconds and at intermission found themselves still down big at 33-23.

Straughn's lead remained at ten points early in the third quarter as the two area rivals swapped baskets. However, Straughn used a 10-0 run late in the stanza to take a 47-27 lead and carried a 40-29 advantage into the fourth quarter of play.

Straughn upped its lead to 51-29 early in the fourth quarter, and despite the late efforts of Elba's Jordan Bryant and Quenton Caldwell, had little problem holding off a late Tiger run as it handed Elba the 61-42 area loss.

Quenton Caldwell scored 9 points and Richard Cooks added 8 to lead Elba, while Trevor Driver poured in 28 points to pace Straughn.

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Straughn (61): Jones 6, Felton 5, Driver 6, T. Driver 28, Myers 3, Danham 12, Elba (42): Respress 4, Silar 6, Phillips 4, Bryant 2, Cooks 8, Belcher 2, Morris 7, Caldwell 9.

(GIRLS GAME)

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered Friday night in a 45-29 area loss to Straughn.

The Lady Tigers went over four minutes without scoring in the first quarter as Straughn grabbed an early 8-0 lead, and

while Elba did rally late in the stanza behind the play of Ashley Carpenter and Janae Carnley, Straughn never lost command and carried a 10-6 lead into the second quarter.

Straughn used an 8-2 run to open the second quarter to open up a 20-8 lead with 3:16 left in the stanza, and the Lady Tigers managed only three free-throws over the final seven minutes of the quarter as Straughn increased its lead to 26-11 by the end of the half.

The Lady Tigers went on a 6-0 run early in the third quarter to cut the Straughn lead to 29-17, but Elba failed to score again for over four minutes, and Straughn took advantage of the scoring drought to take a 37-17 lead with 5:58 left on the clock.

Elba outscored Straughn 4-2 to close the third quarter and then sparked by the play of Leanna Henderson and Jacquetta Whitfield opened the fourth quarter with a 6-0 run to close the gap to 39-25 with 5:28 remaining in the period. The scoring slowed in the closing minutes; however, and Straughn never lost command as it handed the Lady Tigers the 45-29 defeat.

Leanna Henderson scored 11 points and Ashley Carpenter added 7 to lead Elba, while Kaitlyn Wiggins scored 12 points and Andrea Sport added 11 to lead Straughn.

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Straughn (45): Messick 8, Taylor 2, Ka. Teel 4, Sport 11, Driver 6, Wiggins 12, Ki. Teel 2. Elba (29): Whitfield 3, Henderson 11, Carpenter 7, Carnley 6, Caldwell 2.

(JV GAME)

The Elba Tiger JV saw late lead vanish Friday night in a 35-23 loss to Straughn. The Tigers fell behind early and were still trailing 21-20 heading into the fourth quarter, but grabbed a 22-21 lead with 5:21 remaining on 2 basket by Sandarius Reed.

Elba scored only one point the rest of the game; however, as Straughn closed with a 14-1 run to claim the 35-23 win. Chance Goosby scored 9 points and Sandarius Reed added 8 to lead Elba.

Straughn (35): Pichel 2, Bybee 3, Cochran 9, Penin 6, Huggins 6, Samuel 6, Byrd 3. Elba (23): Robertson 2, Reed 8, Cole 2, Goosby 9, Lindsey 2.



Elba JV Tiger Chance Goosby (22) goes up for a shot in Friday night's loss to Straughn. Goosby scored 9 points to lead the Tigers in the loss.

(Photo by Mike Capps)



Elba Tiger Jordan McBride (40) drives to the basket in action last week against Straughn. The Tigers lost their area opener and will return to area play Friday night when they host Pike County.

(Photo by Mike Capps)



Elba Lady Tiger eighth-grader Jacquetta Whitfield (10) tries to get inside a Straughn defender last week in area action. The Lady Tigers will host Pike County Friday night looking to grab a much needed area win.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Friday, January 11

Pike County at Elba (JV-VG-VB) 4:30
Kinston at Zion Chapel (JV-VG-VB) 4:30
New Brockton at Barbour County (JV-VG-VB) 4:30

Monday, January 14

Providence Ch. At Zion Chapel (VG-VB) 4:30

Tuesday, January 15

Elba at Calhoun (JV-VG-VB) 4:30
Kinston at Bethlehem (JV-VG-VB) 4:00
New Brockton at Samson (JV-VG-VB) 4:30

Thursday, January 17

Pleasant Home at Zion Chapel (JV-VG-VB) 4:30

Friday, January 18

Elba at Pike County (JV-VG-VB) 4:30
Ariton at Kinston (JV-VG-VB) 5:00
Barbour County at New Brockton (JV-VG-VB) 4:30

SPORTS

Wiggins named Coach of Year

Kinston places two on 2007 Dothan Eagle Super 12 volleyball squad

The Dothan Eagle announced its 2007 "Super 12" high school volleyball team over the week-end and named to the honored list were two members of the Kinston Lady Bulldogs and Coach Janie Wiggins.

Kinston players named to the list included seniors Heather

Marlowe and Caitlin Tindell. Marlowe, a setter, recorded 679 assists, 40 aces, 189 digs, 50 blocks and 33 kills during the season, while Tindell, a middle blocker, recorded 251 kills, 107 blocks, 74 digs and 7 aces.

Coach Janie Wiggins was named the "Coach of the Year"

after leading the Lady Bulldogs to a 41-3 record and the semifinals of the Class 1A state tournament.

"Even though we fell short of our goal of winning the state title, I feel this was the most talented team I have ever coached," said Wiggins. "We were 41-3, which was an unbelievable season."

The 2007 "Super 12" list included Neysa Hernandez, senior, Enterprise; Kaitlyn Stephenson, senior, Enterprise; Akia Borders, junior, Carroll; Holley Bass, senior, Andalusia; Lessie Scott, senior, Geneva; Sarah Smith, senior, Houston Academy; Heather Marlowe, senior, Kinston; Caitlin Tindell, senior, Kinston; Katie Dowd, sophomore, Providence Christian; Madison Williams, senior, Emmanuel Christian; Hannah Mendheim, senior, Northside Methodist; and Laney Barr, junior, Ridgecrest Christian.

Neysa Hernandez, of Enterprise, was named the "Player of the Year," while Kinston's Coach Janie Wiggins was named the "Coach of the Year."

Receiving honorable mention were Emily Galloway, Enterprise; Shanice Falero, Carroll; Morgan Battey, Andalusia; Emily Peak, Geneva; Stephanie Bracewell, Straughn; Jacie Habron, Cottonwood; Rachel Brooks, Houston Academy; Kallie Revels, Samson; Courtney Pierce, Kinston; Jess Johnson, Kinston; Sara Cary, Providence Christian; Savannah Thompson, Northside Methodist.

Brantley Bulldogs settle for second at '07 Red Level Invitational Tournament

The Brantley Bulldogs competed in the 10th annual Red Level Invitational Basketball Tournament over the holidays at Red Level High School and posted two wins to bring home the runner-up trophy in the eight-team event.

Straughn won the annual holiday tournament, followed in by Brantley, Samson, Red Level, Florida, Flomaton, Luverne and McKenzie.

Following are highlights of Brantley's three games:

Brantley 73 Flomaton 68 -

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ESTATE OF RUBY D. JOHNSON, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT 307-061

12/27, 1/3, 10-pd.

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 20th day of December, 2007, by the Hon. William Gammit, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, I hereby give notice to all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

1st Alan Johnson, Executor Personal Representative

12/27, 1/3, 10-pd.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STPTE-TE 05 (932)

CITY OF ELBA

COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF ELBA AT THE ELBA CITY HALL, ELBA, ALABAMA, UNTIL 2:00 P.M. Local Time, Thursday, January 10, 2008, AND AT THAT TIME PUBLICLY OPENED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

CITY SQUARE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF ELBA

THE BRACKET ESTIMATE ON THIS PROJECT IS FROM \$400,000 TO \$450,000. THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF WORK ARE APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS:

1638 REMOVING CONCRETE SIDEWALK, per square yard

957 REMOVING CURB, per linear feet

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BIODOCUMENTS ARE ON FILE AT ELBA CITY HALL, 200 BUFORD STREET, ELBA, ALABAMA

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HONORABLE JAMES E. GRIMES, MAYOR

12-20-27-2007, 1,3,10-2008

Homecoming set for January 16th at Enterprise Ozark Community College

Homecoming for Enterprise-Ozark Community College is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, when the Weevils face Lurleen B. Wallace Community

College. The women's team battles first at 6:00 p.m. in Lolley Hall's Gymnasium on the Enterprise Campus. The men begin their game at 8:00 p.m.

and the Homecoming Queen and Court will be presented during half-time of that game. For more information, call (334) 347-2623.

Landmark Park offers Winter Bird Workshops

Landmark Park will provide the opportunity this winter for bird lovers to learn how to attract birds to your home or property. Two different workshops will be offered to provide helpful information about bluebirds and hummingbirds.

All the workshops are free with park admission (\$4.00 adults and \$3.00 children) and begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium at Landmark Park. Reservations are required for all the workshops and can be made by calling the park office at 794-3452.

BLUEBIRD WORKSHOP - January 19, Gerald Hartley, a member of the North American Bluebird Society, will conduct this workshop. Mr. Hartley has been actively involved in bluebird conservation in the Wiregrass Region since 1976 and has a great deal of information to share concerning the eastern bluebird, construction and placement of nesting boxes and tips on attracting bluebirds to your home or property.

HUMMINGBIRD WORKSHOP - January 26, Fred Bassett, a licensed bird bander specializing in the banding of hummingbirds, will conduct this informative and popular workshop. Mr. Bassett is known throughout the southeast for his work with hummingbirds and will share his extensive knowledge about their nesting habits, migration patterns, maintenance of feeders, and how to attract these "winged jewels" to your property.

Landmark Park is located on U.S. Hwy 431, three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle.

Alabama Department of Public Health urges citizens to be aware of home heating hazards

Each year thousands of Americans lose their lives in fires caused by home heating sources. These fires originate from all methods of home heating including central heating units, fireplaces and chimneys and portable heaters.

The National Fire Protection Association recently released its report on home heating equipment fires occurring between 2002 and 2005. According to the report, U.S. fire departments responded to 62,200 home structure fires that involved heating equipment in 2005.

The results were 670 civilian fire deaths, 1,550 civilian fire injuries and \$909 million in property damage.

Chimneys and chimney connectors accounted for the largest share (36 percent) of home heating fire incidents.

Failure to clean accounted for two-thirds (64 percent) of the confined chimney and chimney connector fires.

Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (32 percent) of the home-heating fires and three-fourths (73 percent) of home heating fire deaths.

Remember that most often the deadliest fires are a result of improper use of fireplaces and chimneys and portable heaters. Examples of improper usage include placing heating equipment near things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.

The Alabama Department of

Public Health urges citizens to follow these safety recommendations when trying to make a warm environment.

Make sure space heaters carry the mark of an independent testing laboratory and are legal for use in the community.

Install space heaters according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes, consider professional installation.

Plug an electric-powered space heater into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

Use the proper fuel as well as the proper grade for a liquid-fueled space heater. Refuel only in a well-ventilated area and when the equipment is cool.

Use only dry, seasoned wood in a fireplace or wood stove to avoid the build-up of creosote.

Use only paper or kerosene to start a fire. Do not use artificial logs in wood stoves.

Make sure the chimney has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.

Allow fireplace and woodstove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container, which is kept a safe distance from the home.

Turn off space heaters when ever the room they are in is unoccupied or under circumstances when manufacturer's instructions say they should be turned off. Portable space heaters are easy to knock over in the dark that they should be turned off when going to bed.

Make sure the primary heating equipment for the bedrooms is sufficient to avoid risks to residents from severe cold.

Do not use an oven to heat the home.

For more information on any of these topics, visit www.alabamagals.com or call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

1. E-file online at no cost using the IRS Free File program. Must have income of \$54,000 or less for 2007. More than 1.3 million Alabamians e-filed last year, many for free. E-filing offers a faster refund, a virtually error-free tax return and confirmation of receipt by the IRS.

2. Take a 2007 tax credit for (1) buying a new hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle; (2) certain energy-saving improvements

made to your home; (3) contributions to a qualified retirement plan (subject to income limits); (4) certain higher education costs; (5) working but earning less than \$40,000 (Earned Income Tax Credit).

3. Don't settle for the standard deduction. Add up these 2007 expenses to see if they exceed the standard deduction, allowing filers to itemize: mortgage interest, real estate taxes, charitable contributions, state income taxes or sales taxes, medical expenses (subject to limits) and certain other items.

4. Remember filers don't have to itemize to claim deductions for higher education tuition and fees and educator expenses.

5. Let trained volunteers prepare and e-file the tax return for free. Available to filers whose 2007 income was \$40,000 or less or who file a fairly simple tax return. Call 211 in Alabama to find a site.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Weigh-in set for Friday, Jan. 11, at Elba General Hospital
Citizens encouraged to participate
in "Scale Back Alabama" campaign

"Scale Back Alabama" is a statewide campaign designed to encourage Alabamians to get healthier by losing weight and exercising. It is a 10-week weight-loss contest, and Elba General Hospital has been designated as one of the weigh-in sites.

"Scale Back Alabama" is a team effort as teams of four people compete. For every team member who loses at least 10 pounds, his/her name will be placed in a drawing for one of 20 state prizes of \$250 each. For every team that completes the 10-week period with each team member losing at least 10 pounds, the team name will be placed in a drawing for the grand prize of \$1,000 per team member.

To sign up to participate in "Scale Back Alabama," go to Elba General Hospital this Friday, Jan. 11, between the hours of 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

There, each person can sign up for the contest with his/her team members and record their first official weigh-in.

At the end of the contest, participants will have to do one final weigh-in.

For more information, contact Mary Gray at Elba General Hospital (897-2257, ext. 320) or visit the website: www.scalebackalabama.com



Be Healthy!

GOAL:
Get Alabamians healthier in 2008!
HOW?
Form teams of four people to compete for prizes during a ten-week, weight-loss contest.

"Scale Back Alabama" is a statewide campaign designed to encourage Alabamians to get healthier by losing weight and exercising. It is a joint project of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.

Riley awards grant to reduce criminal activity in Wiregrass area

Gov. Bob Riley has awarded a \$107,000 grant to continue the battle against drugs, violent crimes and child predators in



As shown above, the U.S. Highway 84 bypass around New Brockton will take traffic around the town. For motorists traveling eastbound, the bypass appears ready; however, there is still a bit of work to be done to the bypass on the other side of town before it will tie in to the current road.

Death Notice:

OLENE PARRISH

Olene Parrish, age 71, a former resident of Elba, Ala., passed away Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at her home in Enterprise, Ala.

Arrangements were incomplete at press time but will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home.

TOWN

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thing, anytime. With the ordinance, she said town officials can keep a better eye on things.

"We passed this and it seems to be working well," said Harrison. "I say let it stay."

Council members voted unanimously to not begin the burn ordinance. Therefore, the \$5 burn permit fee remains.

Mayor Cole presented an ordinance regarding the use of the town hall building as a voting center for municipal elections.

Mrs. Kilpatrick was charged with two counts of promoting of prison contraband, third degree. Mr. Kilpatrick was charged with one count of promoting of prison contraband, third degree. Bond was set at \$3,000 in each case.

Coffee County Jail officials also report a cell-to-cell "shakedown" of the facility was conducted Friday, Dec. 28.

Whitworth indicated the "shakedown" was conducted to stop inmates that were attempting to move contraband from cell block to cell block. He said the "shakedown" was successful resulting in many items of contraband being confiscated.

Also during Monday evening's meeting, town officials encouraged citizens that want to volunteer to contact town clerk Annette Williams. One committee citizens are encouraged to volunteer for is

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Holley announces party change last Thursday evening in gala event at the Enterprise Civic Center

by Fern Cox, Publisher

Estimates of over 200 people turned out last Thursday evening, Jan. 10, to witness Democrat State Senator Jimmy

Holley announce his official conversion to the Alabama Republican Party.

Holley was introduced by Alabama Attorney General Troy King who welcomed Holley's

"birth" into the Republican Party. Others giving official welcomes at the event included Governor Bob Riley, state party chairman Mike Hubbard, and Representative Jabo Waggoner.



A host of fellow lawmakers and other state officials (all Republican) were on hand Thursday night in Enterprise as Alabama Senator Jimmy Holley officially announced his change to the Republican Party. Holley is one of the longest serving lawmakers currently serving in the legislature, having served in five terms in the State House and the now serving his third term in the Senate.

Statewide program "Scale Back Alabama" underway

More than 80 local people weigh-in for event

by Linda Hodge, Editor

More than 80 local citizens joined thousands across the state last week in deciding to make a lifestyle change to become healthier and lose weight.

This year's edition of "Scale Back Alabama" officially began last week as weigh-in days were held in counties throughout the state for those interested in making the change. In Elba, 83 people weighed-in Friday, Jan. 11, at Elba General Hospital, the participating agency for Coffee County.

Scale Back Alabama is a 10-week weight loss program designed to get people thinking about becoming healthier. According to Mary Gray, coordinator of the event for Elba General Hospital, the weigh-in event was a "huge success" with 20 teams of four people and three individuals stepping on the scales.

Scale Back Alabama, a joint effort between Alabama hospitals and the Alabama Department of Public Health, is about making healthier choices. It also promotes having fun while trying to lose weight.

The contest portion of the event allows participants to compete in teams of four against teams across the state. Team members have an official weigh-in (hold last week) and an official weigh-out in March.

All teams that lose at least 10 pounds per person will be put in the drawing for a grand prize of \$1,000 per team member. In addition, individuals who com-

plete the 10-week contest and lose 10 pounds or more will be put in a drawing for 20 individual prizes of \$250 each, even if the other team members do not

reach the 10-pound goal.

"Many people have the yo-yo

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A total of 83 people stepped on the scales last Friday, Jan. 11, at Elba General Hospital to officially weigh-in as a participant for Scale Back Alabama, a 10-week weight loss program designed to promote healthier living. Above, Mary Gray (left), coordinator for the event at Elba General Hospital, records the weight of Melone Blair, a team member for Team B.L.T. Blair, an employee of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, is one of several bank employees participating with a team in the program.



TWO VEHICLES DAMAGED IN MINOR ACCIDENT...This 2001 Toyota Celica (shown above) received damage to the passenger side last Thursday afternoon, Jan. 10, during an accident in downtown Elba. According to police, Cassy Cooper of Kinston was traveling on Buford Street in the Toyota when a 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Donna Paige Hudson Pridgen of Elba struck the vehicle. The accident occurred at approximately 2:37 p.m. last Thursday afternoon at the intersection of Buford and Factory streets. Reportedly, parked vehicles obstructed Pridgen's view, and she did not see Cooper before entering the intersection thus causing the collision. The Elba Police Department investigated the accident, and a patrolman was on scene immediately as Officer Robert LaVoie witnessed the collision. He was traveling behind Cooper on Buford Street in his patrol car when the two vehicles collided.

Card of Thanks

What a blessing to have such special friends and family who sent cards and flowers, brought food, phoned and visited and most of all prayed for us during the recent loss of our mother. Words cannot express the love and appreciation we feel for each of you. May God bless you for your kindness.

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of Birmingham. Also present was Jim Sullivan, president of the Alabama Public Service Commission. Sullivan is a native of Covington County.

In his remarks Riley said, "I've had him against me, and I've had him for me, and I'd much rather have him for me."

Riley added, "When someone like Jimmy Holley swings to the Republican Party, it's more than just another senator."

Holley told the assembled crowd that the action by the state Senate to cut the requested funds for rebuilding the Enterprise school following the March 1, 2007 tornado was taken as a personal attack on him by the Democratic leadership in the Senate. He added that the children were the ones who would suffer.

Governor Riley pledged "to do whatever it takes to get the school system rebuilt."

Holley's district (#31) covers all of Covington and Coffee counties and parts of Dale and Houston counties.



Governor Bob Riley, right, was on hand last Thursday night to welcome Senator Jimmy Holley and his wife Mary into the ranks of the Alabama Republican Party.

Improvement efforts continue at Elba's airport

by Linda Hodge, Editor

With several projects underway, and others set to begin, the City of Elba seems geared to look great in 2008.

One project Elba Mayor James Grimes said he is very excited about is the continued improvements at the Carl Folsom Airport in Elba. He said this particular project has been going on for about four years and additional improvement steps are hoped for in 2008 and beyond.

Grimes said the initial process for this project included obtaining flight pattern rights-of-way which involved acquiring the property where the former Beaver Dam Mobile Home Park was located. While this has been a long process, the mayor said this portion of the project now is pretty well accomplished with only a couple of mobile homes remaining on the property, and by the end of the month, he said hopefully the property will be cleared.

Once the mobile home property is cleared, Grimes said all the utilities including poles and wires will be removed and the area will be grassed.

A major step in the airport improvement project was completed in 2007 as the existing runway was reconstructed and resurfaced thanks to grant funds.

Also, Grimes said some erosion problems were corrected.

Mayor Grimes said there had not been any work done to the "old" runway in quite some time, and it was in really bad shape prior to last year's reconstruction work. He said it now looks very nice.

The final portion of the 2007 grant received for the improvement project includes new lighting, and the mayor said this installation should start some time this week.

During the time the runway

reconstruction work was being done, the airport was closed. Since completion of that work the airport reopened. However, Grimes said the lighting installation work will require the airport to be closed again for approximately 2-3 weeks once that work actually begins.

"We want to continue to upgrade the airport to make it more efficient and secure," said Grimes.

The city has requested an additional grant for 2008 in the amount of \$267,000. Grimes said if the grant is approved these funds will be used for the reconstruction of the airport's parking apron and taxiways. Also, in the next year or so, he

reconstruction work was being done, the airport was closed. Since completion of that work the airport reopened. However, Grimes said the lighting installation work will require the airport to be closed again for approximately 2-3 weeks once that work actually begins.

"We want to continue to upgrade the airport to make it more efficient and secure," said Grimes.

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Riley awards grant for worker training

at Kelley Foods of Alabama Inc. in Elba

Gov. Bob Riley has awarded a \$20,850 grant to help workers at a Coffee County plant learn new skills to meet increasing demands in their industry.

Kelley Foods of Alabama Inc. in Elba will use the grant to provide training for at least 65 employees. Sessions will be conducted on building customer relationships, providing excellent customer service, improving communication, following safety guidelines and computer training. Workers taking part in training will help the company improve its productivity and increase their earning potential through the new skills.

"Kelley Foods is one of many businesses in Alabama being assisted by the Incumbent Worker Training Program," said Riley. "I am pleased that this program is able to help create jobs and a more efficient work force in Alabama."

Kelley Foods is a multi-million dollar food-processing plant that produces cured and fresh meats and sells 26 categories of food and food-related items. The company, which employs 170, serves south Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and the Florida panhandle.

The year-long training, which began Oct. 1, is being taught by The Gulas Group of Madison, Unipro of Atlanta, Business Training Works of Port Tobacco, Md., and 360 Training of Austin, Texas.

Company human resources manager Erik Ennis was notified of the grant's approval by Riley. The company has committed \$23,347 for its share of the training cost.

Funding for the grant was made available to the state through the U.S. Department of Labor.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING will be Thursday (TODAY), Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m., at Catty Corner, 7815 Highway 87, Elba, Ala., 36323. The board will discuss routine business and will review the status of conservation programs in Coffee County.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be standby crews for any emergency with street, sewer, electric or water. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Dept. at 897-2555. The sanitation department will run the regular schedule.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN HALL OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED IN THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, with a youth program outside the old Warren Smith School building. The youth program will be followed by a "walk of remembrance" from the school site through downtown New Brockton to Greater Springfield Baptist Church. A special program will be held at the church following the march.

THERE WILL BE A PARENT/CONTESTANT ORIENTATION meeting for the Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel pageants on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m., at the Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. Registration packets and additional pageant information will be distributed at this meeting. Guidelines for the categories include: Future Little Miss (ages 4 - 6, undergarment), Little Miss (must be in the first grade), Junior Miss (grades 7-10), and Miss (must be between the ages of 17 and 21 by Oct. 2008). The pageants, sponsored by Altrusa International Inc. of Jack, Ala., will be held Saturday, March 29, at Jennifer at 897-2287 for more information.